THE SPEAKER'S ROOM HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 5. 1912.

Honorable Edwin A. Newman,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Neyman:

I have received your letter and in reply will say that I believe the local offices of Washington ought to be filled by residents of this city. It would be strange indeed if out of 300,000 American citizens there can not be found a dozen or so who are fit to fill these offices.

I have always believed in home rule and have insisted on it in Washington as well as in Missouri.

Truly your friend,



WITH MAINE RELICS

**Vessel Reaches the** 

Navy Yard.

Probably the most interesting of the

cemetery. The original mast, including

Maine, whose bodies are to be transport-

ed from Havana on a battleship the lat-

May Go to Philadelphia.

Whether the other Maine relics brought

up on the Leonidas shall be unloaded at

the local navy yard or taken to the

Philadelphia yard probably will be de-

termined this afternoon. The original

order to take them to Philadelphia was

based on the idea that there was no

available place to store them at the

Washington yard, but it is now believed

None of the big 10-inch guns of the

to brass buttons and crockery ware.

Some 6-inch shells are destined for

rictims of the disaster.

PRACTICE OF PACKERS

Methods Employed by

Swift & Co.

CHICAGO, February 9. - Methods

used by Swift & Co. in the

100 consignee commission agents and

serves 12,000 small towns by car route

Test Cost First Considered.

Mr. Lester said the first step after the

cattle were slaughtered was to figure the

test cost. After this an average request

price is fixed, and this is sent with every

car of meat shipped to branch houses.

When the car reaches its destination the

branch house manager makes an esti-

mate of what the meat will actually

bring and telegraphs the figures to Chi-

Cites Annual Practice.

Lester admitted that he frequently dis-

cussed the questions of test cost, ship-

"If a certain branch house was getting

"That would be the usual practice, al-

poor prices would you cut down the ship-

INJURIES WERE FATAL.

Physician Dies in Hospital Fol-

lowing Explosion of Gas.

when a rubber tube connecting a gas

stove in his room with a chandeller be-

came detached and the escaping gas ex-

hough exceptions were made,"

ments and margins with Francis A. Fow-

systems, the witness said.

ler, one of the defendants.

ing top, is about four tons.

ter part of March:

relics is the steel mainmast of the vessel,

and can see no reasons why elections should not be made from the great body of splendid and capable democrats who reside in the District when a who reside in the District, when a democratic President comes to the appointment of offices for the District

### Capable Home Talent. Senator George E. Chamberlain of Ore-

gon disclaims any presidential aspirations; and at the same time compliments After Struggle With Ice in Bay the District highly on its capable citizens. "In reply permit me to say first and foremost that I am not a candidate for the presidency or any other gift of the people of any state or of the country. I am satisfied to remain here, at least for balance of my term, and attend to the business nearest the heart, not only of my immediate constituents, but of the

to answer you frankly in reference to with a cargo of relics from the wreck of latest reports, the town is in flames. other states in the Union upon the people You have good, capable men and women here, who city and District, who know the condition possible for any one coming here from other states to do. I am, therefore, frank in stating to you, in my opinion wherever it is possible to do so men in the fighting top, weighed 18,900 pounds, offices affecting the District ought to be appointed from the life of its citizenship.'

### Foss Strong for Merit.

Gov. E. L. Foss of Massachusetts is of the opinion that appointees should if possible be residents of the locality over which their authority is to sway.

"Your question, strictly speaking," says Gov. Foss, "does not apply to me, because I have made no declarations of candidacy, and I have not announced myself as a candidate for national honors of any sort. But I am delighted to have the portunity of expressing by views in relation to the general matter of appointments. Since my first election to this office I have strictly adhered to the rule of making appointments for fitness. I do not believe that any public officer can dis charge the duties of his position adequately if in his appointments he choose any men not perfectly qualified for such.

Every public servant has, of course, the temptation to appoint men whom he knows personally or who are personally mendations come most frequently from members of one's own party. This fact Washington yard, but it is now believed increases the difficulty, but does not di-

minish the duty of making appointments there. "The surest way in which any public Maine are on the Leonidas. Outside servant can discredit his party is to ap- of the mainmast and a few 6-inch point poorly qualified or undesirable offi- guns most of the articles of her cargo Partisan spirit alone should de- are comparatively small in bulk and mand that all appointees measure up to weight. The cargo is a heterogeneous their position, whether they belong to the collection of articles ranging from guns

"The next consideration is that any There are plenty of air ports, rubber man appointed to public office should if be a resident of the locality over a sewing machine and a boat anchor. which he is to have some sort of authority, should have a wide knowledge of its local needs and a strong grasp of business matters and public affairs. In this state I have chosen men of ability, so far as possible, especially those of the widest business experience and of recognized in-

### **CONFERENCE ON PLANS** FOR MONEY TRUST PROBE

Democratic Members of House Banking and Currency Committee Outlining Method of Procedure.

on banking and currency met today and Witness in Court Outlines Democratic members of the committee began consideration of plans for the investigation of the "money trust" as directed by the party caucus last Wednesday. Representative Pujo of Louisiana, chairman of the committee, said that the plans were not concluded and that fur-

who participated in the conference were distribution and sale of dressed beef were Kindred of New York, Byrnes of South explained to the jury in the packers' trial Carolina, Glass of Virginia, Moore of today by Lee M. Lester, assistant man-Texas, Bulkley of Ohio, Doughton of ager of the fresh meat department. North Carolina and Stephens of Mis- The company has 348 branch houses,

### Outline in Resolution.

The committee plans to introduce a resolution in the House within a few days which will give it power to conduct the inquiry, and this resolution will, it is said, direct the committee to inquire as to whether a "money trust" exists. It will not, it is said, charge that there is a "money trust." When the inquiry will begin is problematical.

## CRACKSMEN'S GANG CAUGHT.

Susprised While Preparing to Blow Safe in New York Grocery.

NEW YORK, February 9 .- The gang of cracksmen who are believed to be responsible for the number of safe blowings that have kept the police busy for weeks were caught at work early today, but ments to that house?" only surrendered after there was an exchange of shots. The cracksmen were surprised while preparing to blow a safe in a 1st avenue grocery store. A squad of police closed in on the store and the safe-blowers, hiding behind barrels, began fir-

ing. The police returned the shots and they made a rush and overcame the safe-blowers. Four prisoners were taken. Near the safe the police found two jim-mles, a bottle of nitroglycerin, seven bits and a brace.

### Three Killed in Wreck.

ROANOKE, Va., February 9 .- Three persons were killed and five were injured persons were killed and five were injured today when Norfolk and Western west-bound passinger train No. 15 crashed into a freight near Belspring. All were employes.

came detached and the escaping gas exploded from a lamp near his bed.

Dr. Hensler jumped through a window to the roof of an adjoining building and was frightfully injured. The house was wrecked by the explosion.

Mrs. Sarah Williams, widow of Daniel Williams, died at her home near Smithwas frightfully injured. The house was mine years.

Gen. Li Yuen-Heng Now Regarded Chairman Dillingham Announces as Strong Possibility.

Constitution of Republic, Prepared by Dr. Wu Tingfang, Awaits Only Approval of Senate.

SHANGHAI, China, February 9.- Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, today declared that he was confident that the abdication of the throne would be an accomplished fact before February 18.

There appears to be less confidence now than there hitherto has been that Yuan Shi Kai will be selected for the presidency of the republic. On the other hand, the name of Gen. Li Yuen-Heng, the present vice president, is mentioned, and it is possible that he may be eventu-

completed by Dr. Wu Ting-fang, the minister of justice in the republican cabinet, and now awaits the approval of the senate at Nanking.

Five-Year Presidential Term.

tial term of five years, but the senate probably will make the first term only

It is thought that a compromise may be reached on the question of the future capital of China. President Sun Yat Sen, Desultory outpost fighting continues in casualties are very much exaggerated on both sides Tang-Shao-Yi today declared positively that there would be no more

Kaiping Is Bombarded. After a hard struggle with the ice in brought twelve heavy field guns into ac- to the committee. ion, and for several hours fiercely shelled in command without trial on suspicion

American Note Welcome. and extended through the decks to the COLOGNE, Germany, February 9 .keel of the vessel. In its present state it The American note to Germany regardcomprises only that section of the mast from the main deck to a few feet above the fighting top, about forty feet. The toward a peaceful issue of the Chinese conflict," according to an inspired telegram from Berlin in today's Koelnische The mast itself is about two feet in diameter. The fighting top is about ten feet across, and was designed to accom-"That German policy is thoroughly committed to such a practical program domate six gunners operating rapid-fire guns. The mast will be unloaded at the

goes without saying.' navy yard and taken on a strong truck to Arlington cemetery, in time for erec-tion before the burial of the dead of the Japanese Want Larger Interest. TOKIO, Japan, February 9.-The nationalists in the Japanese diet today put up a strong plea for the acquisition of

Viscount Uchida, the foreign minister, n replying, declared that everything in to acquire interests in China, but that olicy would have to be abandoned now, otherwise it might lead to trouble over

Concessions Asked of Throne. ment today say Yuan Shih Kai is willing to accept. Likewise the present emmats, bits of woodwork, tools, even peror would be deprived of the power of conferring new titles of nobility. The peace negotiations are reported to be pro-

of articles, it is doubtful whether there unsettled, as follows: Amount of the emwill be enough to meet all the deperor's annuity; objection of republicans to establishment of a republic by the emmands, even though these are honored peror's mandate to Yuan Shih Kai, and the republican demand for abolition of provides for the distribution among the northern government and the recogmunicipalities, patriotic societies, surnition of the Nanking government with vivors of the Maine and the kin of the

# Dr. Stimson Says No Animal Is Im-IN THE SALE OF BEEF

Stimson, in an address at the Public Library last night, urged that all should be muzzled and that their owners should take care to observe the law in this rehealth and marine hospital service, chose as the subject of his discourse, "The Mad Dog and His Bite." The lecture was given under the auspices of the District Medical Society and the Women's Clinic persons bitten by mad dogs. The Pasteur treatment was given 370 persons last year, he said, at the hygienic laboratory. All who were treated recovered. One thousand treatments were sent to the health officers of twenty states, who administered the cure themselves, he ex-

## FILIPINO IS A HERO

Gets Navy Department Letter for

Saving Life of a Japanese. anese junk went drifting helplessly before a great gale with the crew, two men, a boy and a woman, appealing for aid. as the doomed craft swept past the stern of the U. S. S. Abarenda, a little Filipino sailor-E. Arseo-leaped boldly overboard with a life line and managed to save one of the crew of the junk, who had been cast into the sea by a great day sent Arseo a letter with the great seal of the Navy Department upon it, formally commending him for his gal-

### sank, but the remainder of the crew were rescued by sailors in small boats.

NOME IS OUT OF COAL.

Nome, Alaska, on the border of the Arctic circle, is reported entirely out of coal, according to dispatches to revenue ERIE, Pa., February 9 .- Dr. Louis Hens- cutter headquarters. At this time of the ler died in a hospital here today from year it would be impossible, it is said, emy just appointed is as follows: Thomas trait is a three-quarter length, and shows thought the project was necessary," injuries received a few hours earlier for a cutter to reach Nome.

cutter.

Before Lorimer Committee.

That Frequent Breaks Occurred in the Notes.

The Senate Lorimer investigating committee held an executive session today, at which the operation of the dictagraph, which has figured in the recent testimony of Stenographer J. E. Sheridan, was explained. Mr. Sheridan was with the committee. A little table with an open notebook

and a Bible upon it was ready today when the investigation was resumed for Sheridan to demonstrate his ability at recording far-away conversations in shorthand. Sheridan recently swore before the Senate Lorimer committee that he had made a shorthand report of a conversation in Toronto January 6, when

Charles McGowan was alleged to have admitted receiving money from C. F. Wiehe for "perjuring" himself in giving testimony for Senator Lorimer bemade that Sheridan's notes were "faked" and that he could not make he had made at Toronto

### Two Tests Made.

Conditions in the hotel rooms at Toronto in which McGowan met the detectives were reproduced as nearly as possible in Senator Dillingham's offices today. In one room where three persons were to hold a conversaton was hung a delicate telephonic apparatus. Wires led to the little table in the next room. The Bible was used to permit Sheridan to have a weight for one corner of his note book, while he used his left hand to hold a telephonic apparatus to his ear. Two tests were made. Sheridan read his notes taken over the telephone apparatus and two committee stenographers who were present when Sheridan was tested also read their notes to the

### Frequent Breaks in the Notes.

At the conclusion of the executive session, which was an hour and a half MANCHURIA, February 9.-The city of in duration, Chairman Dillingham ex-Chesapeake bay and the Potomac river, Kalping, province of Chili, was subjected plained that in the first test Detective the naval collier Leonidas arrived at the to a severe bombardment today by the Bailey and H. E. Kerr, who participated "A courteous letter, however, always demands a courteous reply, and I want washington navy yard this afternoon revolutionary troops. According to the in the conversation with McGowan at it is impossible to do anything but reckon tion with Herbert R. Pierce, secretary Sheridan was in an adjoining room

alone. In the second test. Charles Ward secretary to Senator Lorimer, engaged Bailey and Kerr in conversation. Pierce remained with Sheridan. Percy E. Budlong and John W. Hulse, committee stenographers, worked in the room with hose in conversation. Sheridan had been instructed to take only those portions of the conversation relating to the Lorimer ease. On the witness stand Sheridan had no difficulty in reading, but frequent breaks occurred in his notes. These Co breaks represented parts of sentences and subjects that were not recorded.

### Says Hines Offered Money to See Bailey's Telegram

Miss Helen Seavers, a telegraph operator stationed at the Willard Hotel, sprang a sensation at the hearing yesterday afternoon by testifying that Edward Hines, the millionaire lumberman, whose name has been closely connected with the election of Senator Lorimer, of fered her money to show him a telegram sent by Detective Bailey, the Burns sleuth who trailed young McGowan. A few minutes after Bailey sent the elegram, she testified, Hines stepped up to her booth and asked to see the tele-

Miss Seavers said on the witness stand. "He said, 'I will give you something if know 'I am doing right.' He said he would come back Later, she said. Hines had said "put something in your paw" if she would let him see the telegram. Hines had money in his hand at the time, she testified, because she saw "the green." and she shut the money drawer to prevent his dropping it in there. After some hesitation, lasting over period of several days, she said, she told Oregon, 10; South Dakota, 10; Washing-Detective Bailey of the incident. When ton, 14; Wisconsin, 26. This makes she described a visit paid her by Mr. Baiey and Attorney Healy, who represents

the committee, there was a sharp clash "Did anybody else hold money in their hands while they were talking with you on that occasion-while Mr. Healy and Mr. Bailey were talking with you?" At torney Hanecy asked the witness. "That is a gratuitous insult," shouted Attorney Healy. And Judge Hanecy retorted that he wanted it understood that Edward Hines was not the only one who could be insulted. Chairman Dillingham declared no insult was intended, but Senator Lea and other members of the com-Attorney Marble, the other counsel for the committee, jumped into the scene by be allowed to make it here," Judge Handered the question that had started the

controversy stricken from the record. "You didn't understand this to be tip?" Attorney Hanecy asked the witness "No, sir; I did not." In a statement Edward Hines said re garding the testimony: "I did not directly or indirectly offer the girl money or any other inducement to see the telegram, and had no money of any kind in my hand at the time. The whole story is an absurd fabrication concocted by Burns detectives."

## EXPLODES WHILE THAWING.

Two Men Hurt and Buildings Destroyed by Dynamite.

WAYNESBURG, Pa., February 9 .-Thirty sticks of dynamite that a foreigner was trying to thaw out at a blacksmith's forge exploded at Spraggs last night, ten miles from here, severely injuring two men, shattering two houses, breaking telegraph and telephone lines and ripping up gas and oil

One of the buildings disappeared in cloud of smoke and splinters, and the oil and gas from the several pipe lines caught fire, sending into the air tongues of flame thirty or more feet in height.

Wireless Telegraphy in Philippines. In a brief message to Congress yesterday President Taft urged the establishment of wireless telegraphy in the Philippines. Reports of army and navy of ficers on the subject were transmitted with the message. The great benefits of wireless plants in the event of war and for commercial purposes were pointed out as argument for an appropriation to es-

Board of Visitors to Naval Academy. The board of visitors to the Naval Academy just appointed is as follows: Thomas
R. Proctor, a philanthropist of Utica, N. Prof. Langley standing by a table on King answered.
Senator Gallinger showed an interest Pillsbury, treasurer of the Manchester, N. a variation of one one-hundred-millionth dend rate on common stock was increased H., "Union"; Frank J. Jones, an attorney of Cincinnati, Ohio; Alfred Holman, editor of the Argonaut of San Francisco; proved by the former associates of Prof.

G. St. L. Abbott of Boston and Stuart Langley in the Smithsonian. It will be Paul Y. Waters, representing the Ches-

Hilles, McKinley and Crane Hold Claim They Will Suffer Heavy Loss If Plan Prevails.

NOT GOING INTO DETAILS DENIAL OF NEED IS MADE

Managers Content Themselves With One Property Owner Says He Has Failed to Witness Any Congestion on Thoroughfare.

A hearing before the Senate District committee today on the Wetmore bill, providing for the widening of Benning That was the announcement today of road to a width of 110 feet from 15th the Taft managers, made after a con- street east to Oklahoma avenue, became ference in which Secretary Hilles, Rep- so heated, as between the opponents and the advocates of the measure, that Chairager, and Senator Crane of Massa- man Gallinger had to give warning that chusetts, who suggested McKinley for only one person was to talk at one time. The opposition to the measure came This conference took place away from from the Washington Railway and Electhe White House, Mr. Hilles having been tric Company, the Washington, Baltimore fore the committee. The claim was absent from his offices during the day, and Annapolis railroad and the Chesa-The conference was for the purpose of peake Beach railway, all of which comoutlining the Taft campaign and for con- panies had representatives at today's sidering the situation as it stands today. hearing. In advocacy of the bill there Mr. Hilles, who has been in close appeared District Commissioners Judson touch with Taft leaders in each state, and Rudolph, Nathaniel Wilson, repretold his colleagues the facts as he senting owners of much of the property knows them. The conclusion of the necessary to be condemned for the widenthree men was that the President will ing, and representatives of citizens assohave an easy victory in the conven- ciations in the northeast section of the

### Bill Passed in 1908.

A law was passed by Congress in 1908 whether any of the necessary land dedicated or not. The cost of the land to be condemned for the widening is to be assessed against nearby property as ben-

George W. Williams, former receiver of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis railroad, and now its counsel. told the committee, as the first speaker, that if the bill went through three of its five tracks at the terminal at 15th and H streets northeast would be re-In the making up of tables, therefore, moved and its station cut in two, withby states as a whole and allow for dedamages must be assessed as benents. is probably what the Taft managers did he maintained, would mean that the company would be allowed a certain amount in damages to its property, and would then be assessed the same amount as benefits-the money would go into one pocket and be taken out of the other.

### Has Large Investment.

The company has \$112,000 invested in its terminal at 15th and H streets northeast, he said, and that led to the question as to what assurance he had of permanence when the terminal was

"None," he replied, "except our belief in the justice of Congress.' Mr. Williams pointed out to the committee that the general provisions of the code for the District provided that in the case of condemnation of land fo street improvements half of the cos was to be paid by the District except when the condemnation jury found the benefits to nearby property were "We do not want to stand in the way of public improvement," he continued,

"but we can't see why a special rule should be applied in this case—that all the cost should be assessed against near-Engineer Commissioner Judson interrupted to say that the bill was in accordance with general practice in street Maj. Judson added that the railway company knew of the highway plan, which provided for the widening of Ben-

ning road, at the time the terminal was

### Room for Flower Beds.

"Why, the highway plan calls for five streets running through our property," left about enough property for five flower beds, if that were carried out. "Don't you think you were rather hasty votes; Minnesota, 24; North Dakota, 10; in going there, knowing of the highway plan?" Senator Martin asked. rupted again, to say that the railroad was also warned by the law the franchise to the Columbia Company, which specified that they should acquire a strip thirty feet wide along Benning road and that they should dedicate this strip to the District vnen the road was widened. "That affects the Columbia railwa, not replied Mr. Williams. When you constructed your buildings here, was any protest made against it?"

Senator Gallinger asked "Not so far as I know," Mr. Williams "I imagine not," Maj. Judson said. But I am sure they knew of these laws regarding the highway plan and the dedication of the thirty-foot strip."

### Criticism of Method.

"Do you think that the simple matter of a highway plan, which may be changed by Congress at any time, made any inhibition against building?" Senator Gallinger asked Maj. Judson. Maj. Judson replied in the negative ment claims to be a victory for its side But he added that the bill does not contemplate that the W., B. and A. ages, for it does not specify that the damage found by the condemnation agreement charged in the indictments jury shall be assessed upon the same property owners as benefits, but upon all owners of property in the vicinity that are benefited. "There is much complaint against that method of requiring all the cost of street mission of the evidence on the ground

that the documents were written prior to extensions, or widening, to be assessed benefits," remarked Senator Gallinger. | three "It is an arbitrary thing. Every one who uses a new street is benefited. Why not signed by all of the defendants and shouldn't the District, then, stand some of the expense? "We think," replied Maj. Judson. "that property in the vicinity of these street ing such machines on the free list. Mr. improvements is benefited three times, or nore, as much as it is assessed. "Simply because a street is widened, de you think the property will sell for more?" Senator Gallinger continued. "Yes, sir," replied Maj. Judson.

### Denies There Is Congestion.

C. P. King, president of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, began his protest by reading a statement turers. from the owner of a large tract of land by the government, drew up the trade abutting Benning road along that portion agreements, took the witness stand at to be widened, in which that owner said he had watched the traffic along the street a great deal and saw no conges There are so many improvements that

are needed in the District, Mr. King continued, that he saw no reason for carry ing out this project along a street where there is little prospect of development. "How much would this cost your com ley of the Smithsonian Institution has pany?" Maj Judson as sed Mr. King. "About \$60,000," he replied "You increased your dividends yester-day, didn't you?" Maj. Judson continued. "I don't think we need go into that," Senator Gallinger remarked.

"We would be glad to pay it if we from ½ to 1 per cent per quarter.
"That doesn't indicate great wealth, apeake Beach railway, told the committee | tion. She was forty-two years old.

that in selling the land at 15th and H streets northeast to the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis line his line had reserved a right to use the terminal reserved a right to use the terminal jointly and his company would be adversely affected if the property was taken for street purposes.

### Advocate of the Project.

Nathaniel Wilson appeared in favor of the widening, as the owner of a tract of land fronting on the right of way of the Benning electric line that runs along Benning road, and as representing the HOPE FOR MODEL MEASURE wners of an adjoining tract.

With many maps of the section in ques-tion, he tried to demonstrate to the committee the necessity for the widening of the street for the development of prop-erty between Benning and Bladensburg

land he owns has no outlet to a public thoroughfare, because the right of way of the railway company is between i and Benning read. Senator Martin suggested that the bill be framed to allow the W., B. & A. to keep its present terminal site and yet to widen other portions of Benning road as proposed in the bill. Mr. Wilson did not oppose that propo-

He pointed out, too, that at present the

Hook's Friends Still Urging His Appointment to the Supreme Bench.

President Taft will not send any of his important judicial nominations to the President having spent some time today with Senator Curtis and Representative Senate, are in accord with this plan. Anthony, who are presenting every feature favorable to Judge Hook and urging the President to stand by the Kansas jurist.

They tell the President that the opponents of Judge Hook have greatly distorted the meaning of the decision that has caused all the trouble. The two Kansans have not left a point unexplained to the President, and they are aided by others who believe that Judge Hook is getting the worst of the situa-Nagel Believed to Be Slated.

The belief continues to prevail that the President will nominate Secretary Nagel, but he will not do so until he has gone attend the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church Booker T. Washington tonight, when will be present. The Alabama educator was in conference with President Taft a long time this afternoon. The invitation for tonight's exercises was extended by J. C. Napier, register of the Treasury; N. E. Wetherless and F. D. Lee.

# STEEL RATE REDUCTION

**Declare to Senate Committee** Lower Duty Will Hurt **Business.** 

Continuing its hearings on the House ron and steel bill, the Senate committee on finance began today with H. W. Schloss of New York on the stand. He represented the manufacturers of braid, and said that the proposed changes in duty would have the effect of driving the braid men out of business, and at the same time reduce the revenue. Alexander C. Wood of Camden, N. J. Frank W. Lilley of New York and George E. Bartol of Philadelphia pro-

tested against the proposed reduction on steel pens and lead pencils. Speaking of pens especially, Mr. Wood said there had been no demand from the consumers for a change, and that the suggested reduction, amounting to about 50 per cent, would benefit only the importers and foreign manufacturers. that the present duty is satisfactory, Mr

Lilley said that if it should be reduced

### the company represented by him probably would set up its business in London. Would Not Benefit Consumer.

Mr. Bartol predicted there would disappointment in the matter of revenue under the proposed House rates. He also said that because of the small cost of pens in small quantities the consumer could not possibly derive any benefit from a reduction. All these witnesses agreed that retailers realize a profit of about 0 or 100 per cent on pens. With a reduction in duty he predicted that the large consumers would buy abroad. That, he said, would cut the business in half. He placed the labor cost of penmaking at 66 per cent of the

William Dallas of New Jersey, representing the tea jobbers, asked for the retention of present duties on tea boxes and cans, but urged an amendment to insure their sealing. He said that under this law the tea packers had been ruined by the importation of large quantities of cheap tea, in order to get the packages

### Makes Objection to Rate.

Herman Wolff of New York objected to he rate of 20 per cent on steel wool, declaring that it would drive the manufacturers out of business. Wages are about

W. W. Chase, Cleveland, Ohio, made protest on behalf of the independent sewing machine manufacturers against plac-Chase declared that American machine are not sold by the manufacturers more cheaply to the foreign than to the domestic purchasers. He said that the manufacturing cost of a seventy-dollar machine is about \$12 or \$14.

Speaking for the makers of table cutlery, Homer Curtis of Meriden, Conn., contended that the proposed reduction from 40 per cent to 25 per cent would be most injurious to American manufac-The committee adjourned until nex

## EIGHT HURT, ONE FATALLY.

Result of Street Car Collision in Newark, N. J.

Tuesday.

NEWARK, N. J., February 9.-Eight persons were hurt, one mortally, today in a collisiion between a Springfield avenue and a Bergen street trolley car on pinned beneath the debris, which immediately caught fire. Failure of the brakes to work properly believed to have caused the crash

Henry Cordes, an aged resident of this city, will probably die. Mrs. Margaret Biddington, wife of Clifford Biddington of Mount Savage,

Md., died at the Allegany Hospital, Cum-

berland, Wednesday, following an opera-

Senators Engaged in Perfecting Public Utilities Bill.

Interstate Commerce Commissioner to Make Suggestions.

PROVISIONS UNDER DEBATE

Senator Works Modifies Oldfield Bill as Substitute for That of Senator Gallinger.

To make sure that the public utilities bill to be passed by the Senate will be sufficient in all respects to carry out the purpose in view and will be fair both to the corporations and the public. Interstate Commerce Commissioner Franklin K. Lane may be asked to go over the bill and make suggestions for any changes he may think are necessary to improve it. Several senators, who have been taking

special interest in the public utilities bill for the District and who think any law on the subject that may be passed by Congress will to a large extent be regarded as a model have suggested such a course. Senator Pomerene, who has offered an important amendment to the Senate before next week. The case of bill, and Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia. Judge Hook is still under advisement, the who gave it close attention when it was under consideration the other day in the Senator Gallinger, chairman of the Senate District committee and author of the measure now before the Senate with the committee's approval, said today the suggestion had been made to him and it may be carried out. The

## Substitute by Senator Works.

senator is known to feel that the bill

was prepared with great care and

after much study on the part of per-

sons familiar with local conditions.

Senator Works of California has offered the Oldfield public utilities bill. modified in some degree, as a substitute for the Gallinger measure, and he is expected to make a speech urging it within a few days. The Oldfield bill was based on the

Gallinger measure and gives the District Commissioners the powers of the public utilities commission. But many in by Judge Hook, which was in the case of its sections are more radical than out a cent of compensation. The provision of McCabe, reported in 183 Federal, 966. of its sections are more radical than the of the bill which requires that the President Taft was today invited to ent. The Senate bill for instance adopts, provision for a valuation of the properties of the public utilities corporation, while the House bill adopts the Wisconsin provision. In the Senate bill the commission is to find the "fair value." and in the substitute the com mission is to find the "fair value, investment cost and cost of production. The regulations for the issue of stock and bonds are different in the two bills and the substitute follows the stringent and radical provisions of the Wisconsin law. There is a paragraph in the substitute, too, that provides for universal transfers. That is omitted from the Galinger bill, because the Senate has passed

### a separate measure for that purpose. Use of Tracks and Equipment.

There is a difference between the Galinger bill and the substitute as regards the use of the tracks and other similar equipment of one company by another the Gallinger bill allowing unlimited temporary use and permanent use for only 2,500 feet; the substitute fixes no limit One section of the substitute has no counterpart in the Gallinger bill and is regarded as a unique provision in such "That it shall be the duty of the commission in fixing and determining rates, in directing extensions and improvements and in general when making requirements under the provisions of this act that involve expenditures by or lessen the receipts of public utilities, and notwithstanding any other of the provisions of this act, having in mind the public interest, to require the utmost of the public utility that will not trench upon as constitutional right to earn a fair net return upon the fair value of its property used for the convenience of the public

substitute follows closely, as regards a depreciation account and the uses to which it can be put, were practically the same. Senator Cummins criticised that feature of the Gallinger bill on the floor "In the matter of wages we pay usually where the English penmakers pay shillings," said Mr. Lilley. He said that framing his substitute, in an effort to meet the objections of Senator Cummins. Provision for New Construction. Both the Gallinger and the Oldfield bills provide that the depreciation account may e expended "in new constructions, extensions or additions to the property" of

The provisions of the Gallinger bill and

of the Oldfield bill, which the Works

the public utilities. But Mr. Works proposes that this shall be changed so that the depreciation fund may be used "in keeping the property of such public utilities in repair and good and serviceable condition for the use to which it is deroted." In the Oldfield bill the commission was charges to be unjust or discriminatory or otherwise in violation of the act, to fix

rates or charges that would be "just." Senator Works proposes that the rates shall be "just and reasonable. Senator Works strikes from the Oldfield oill, in his substitute, the specific provision allowing the commission to employ special attorneys to aid the commission as assistants to its general counsel.

### LOVE DRIVES TO DEATH.

Nineteen-Year-Old Youth a Suicide Because Girl Was Cold. PHILADELPHIA February 9.-Because

he believed that his affections for a girl dith, nineteen years old, committed suicide at his home in West Philadelphia today by swallowing poison. A letter was found in his room addressed to his father, mother and the "kids." In it he said he could no longer endure the cold treatment from the girl he loved. He requested that a stickpin the girl gave him for Christmas be placed

in his necktie when he was buried, and

that seven photographs which he had of the girl be placed beneath his body in the

Dr. Spahn Reichstag President. BERLIN. February 9 .- Dr. Peter Spahn, the leader of the clerical center party, today was elected president of the reichstag, defeating August Bebel, the leader of the social democratic party, by 196 votes to 175.

# No Appetite

Springfield avenue. The Bergen street sick woman, had no appetite whatever and could car was overturned and its passengers not sleep more than three hours a night. I was persuaded by a friend to try it, took two bottles of it, and it greatly benefited me, gave me a good appetite and sound sleep." Mrs. John Edens, 2220 W. ard St., Davenport, Iowa. It is by purifying the blood, strengthening the

"I took Hood's Sarsaparilla when I was a very

perves and building up the system that Hood's Sarsaparilla restores the appetite and makes sleep sound and refreshing in so many cases. Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolated tablets called SARSATABS.

# Quit Within the Week.

PRESIDENCY IS IN DOUBT WRITES FROM DICTAGRAPH MEET TO DISCUSS PLANS IS OPPOSED BY RAILROADS

MAGNA CHARTA IS READY

The draft of the proposed magna charta such a shorthand report as he claimed

The document provides for a presiden-

one year. however, asserts positively that Nan-king will be selected, although he admits that an agreement may be made to keep Peking provisionally as the nomimany places, but the reports as to the

serious fighting.

further interests in China by Japan, urging that the present was an excellent op-

he question of neutrality. ceeding satisfactorily. The despatches name three points yet

## the provisional capital there. URGES MUZZLING OF DOGS.

mune From Rabies. Declaring that no dog is free of the anger of contracting rabies, Dr. A. M. The speaker described the treatment of

In Kobe harbor, June 19 last, a Jap-For this act the Navy Department tolantry. The junk, loaded with stone,

### Alaskan Town on the Arctic Circle in Dire Straits.

An appeal has been sent to Vladivostok Y., who was a paymaster clerk in the which rests the famous bolometer, an infor the Russian government's big ice navy during the civil war; Rosecrans w. strument he invented, which will record in the increase in the dividend rate a min-

W. Cramer of Charlotte, N. C.

Chinese Throne Expected to Stenographer Demonstrates Managers Claim Large Ma- Rival Interests Clash Over jority of Convention Votes.

Important Conference.

Making Gross Claim of Votes Enough to Nominate.

President Taft will have 780 votes in the republican national convention at Chicago out of a total of 1,076. resentative McKinley, the new Taft man-

the place, took part.

### No Details Furnished.

Not one detail as to how the figures were made up was given to the public. authorizing the widening of Benning road The mere announcement that the as soon as 50 per cent of the property President is sure of 780 votes was all necessary for the widening is dedicated that was available. Explanations to the District. The 50 per cent was not could not be had; because the three men dedicated, and it is now proposed, in the kept their meeting place secret and wetmore bill, that the work of widening used the handy telephone to let their shall proceed at once regardless of conclusions be known, It is admitted by Taft leaders that it is difficult to claim every delegate from certain states, as districts here and there in each state will go astray to Roosevelt or La Follette, but as a general proposition it is fair to claim these states as a whole and make deductions of delegates likely to be lost. For instance Pennsylvania can be put down as a Taft state, but there will be a few districts that will

ections in districts here and there. That

be against the President.

as Figured for fatt. The Taft claims, judging from the situation as viewed at the White House

ve in the Chica	go	convention:
abama	24	New Jersey
izona	6	New Mexico
kansas	18	New York
lorado	12	North Carolina
nnecticut	14	Ohio
laware	6	Oklahoma
orida	12	Pennsylvania
orgia		Rhode Island
aho	8	South Carolina
inois	58	Tennessee
diana	30	Texas
ntucky	26	Utah
uisiana	20	Vermont
ine	12	Virginia
ryland	16	West Virginia
		Wyoming
assachusetts	30	Wyoning
lehigan		Hawali
ssissippi	20	District Columbia

Nebraska .....

Total ..... Deductions to Be Made. From this list there are to be made deductions of delegates in Illinois of considerable number, who will be for Roosevelt: in Michigan considerable de duction, the delegates for Roosevelt; Ohio, a few opposition delegates; Pennyou will let me see it.' I said, 'I won't total of 76 votes for Roosevelt; West established and was thereby warned this take anything nor be bribed when I Virginia, a few anti-Taft delegates, with contingency might arise. scattering anti-Taft delegates in some of the other states. Put together there would be deducted from the foregoing total about 130 degrees that will be lost leaving 780 for Taft. The states given absolutely to the anti Taft candidates are Iowa, with 26 votes, although the Taft people expect to get

## total of 160 votes practically conceded to the opposition. OPPOSED BY DEFENSE

some there; California, 26; Kansas, 20

**Government Claims Victory in Decision in Bathtub** 

Trust Case.

DETROIT, Mich., February 9.-The trial today of the government's criminal when United States District Judge Angell tain trade agreements signed by members of the defense prior to the final concerning the alleged license plan and The defense bitterly opposed the sub-

The government maintained the evidence was admissible, because it would show the different steps taken by the defendants in forming the alleged con-In his ruling, Judge Angell said: "I'll admit the document, but reserve the right to charge it out of the case. And it is admitted only against the persons that signed it." The document in question was drawn up, it is alleged, at a meeting of the Enameled Ware Association in New

Edward L. Wayman, who, it is said

the making of the alleged agreement and

were not effective inasmuch as they were

PORTRAIT OF PROF. LANGLEY. Painted by Carl Smith for Allegheny Observatory. A portrait of the late Prof. S. P. Lang-

he resumption of the trial today.

York in March, 1910.

just been completed. The picture is by Carl Smith, and is for the Allegheny observatory, where Prof. Langley did much of his important earlier work. The porof a degree Fahrenheit. The picture has been inspected and apsent to Pittsburgh, Pa.

# Widening Benning Road.